



MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Special Meeting
Joint meeting with Mono
Basin Regional Planning
Advisory Committee

Lee Vining Community
Center, 296 Mattly Avenue,
Lee Vining, CA 93541

August 21, 2012

- 5:30 PM Meeting Called to Order by Supervisor Hunt, Vice Chair
- Supervisors present: Bauer, Hansen, Hazard, Hunt, and Johnston
 - Supervisors absent: None
- 1a) 5:30 p.m. Tour of Lee Vining Community Garden (Ilene Mandelbaum) -
Beginning at 5:30 p.m., the Board of Supervisors will meet at the Lee Vining
Community Center and then walk to the Lee Vining Community Garden for a
tour.
- Ilene Mandelbaum conducted the tour.
- The garden has been in place for 15 years. This is a community and school garden. Volunteers run a nutritional program for the school; there is also an agricultural curriculum.
 - Produce is shared throughout the community; people harvest their own share.
 - There is a contingent of volunteers from June Lake helping with the garden.
 - Mandelbaum described the types of crops that are grown.
 - No pesticides are used in the garden.
 - Appetizers had been prepared from the produce grown in the garden.
- 6:20 PM Meeting Reconvened at the Community Center
Meeting Called to Order by Supervisor Bauer, Chair
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Johnston
- OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**
- Chris Lizza: Talked about the closure of June Mountain. Lee Vining has lost many residents and jobs over the last few years. He will have to reduce his operating hours this winter. As the Board deliberates about the closure, also consider the impacts to Lee Vining and the Mono Basin; use caution in making decisions. Reviewed some ideas for winter activities in June Lake.

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION

- 2a) Mono Lake Boat Tours (Heather deBethizy and Mono Basin RPAC) - Proposed resolution of the Board of Supervisors in support of the operation of a commercial motorized board tour on Mono Lake.

R12-57 **Action:** Adopt Resolution R12-57 in support of the operation of a commercial motorized board tour on Mono Lake.

Hansen moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Heather deBethizy, Community Development Department: Mono Basin RPAC passed a resolution that went to the Board of Supervisors a few weeks ago. Staff was given direction to rework the resolution. It is now ready for Board approval.

Chris Lizza, RPAC: Referred to a motorized boat tour that was once operated by Tom Crowe; he hasn't done the tour for the last four years due to issues with the permit. The RPAC resolution supports Crowe's operation. It is possible to operate the tour under a nonprofit organization; the RPAC will continue to work on this option for next season. They would appreciate Board support for this effort.

Board Comments

- Supervisor Bauer: The resolution is not specific to any one operator but supports the general enhancement offered by a boat tour operation.
- Supervisor Hansen: There is a historical use of motorized boating on Mono Lake; everyone could move on if state parks would recognize the historical use. This issue needs to be resolved for the future. The Mono Basin plan supports this use.
- Supervisor Hunt: Has heard a lot of support for this operation.
- Supervisor Hazard: Can support the efforts but the issue has been tainted over the years. Provided a historical overview from his work in the Sheriff's Department. Referred to Harbors and Navigation Code section 660, pertaining to jurisdiction, regulation, and authority for special use. If boat tours are the right thing to do, Mono County can design special use areas and then it is open to all operators to apply for a permit. County has concurrent jurisdiction with the state.
 - Stacey Simon, Assistant County Counsel: Discussion of the code section would need to be agendized for another meeting.

- 2b) Public Hearing - Mono Basin Community Plan: Visioning to Action (Heather deBethizy, Wendy Sugimura, Mono Basin RPAC) - Public hearing to consider the Mono Basin Community Plan.

M12-187 **Action:** 1) Direct staff to commence review of the Plan under CEQA; and 2) Acknowledge the Plan as an expression of the views of the Mono Basin RPAC that may be considered in conjunction with future land use decisions.

Bauer moved; Hansen seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Heather deBethizy, Community Development Department: The plan is an update to the Mono Basin Area Plan which is part of the Mono County General Plan. She reviewed the history of the plan development and the two main goals: 1) include as much of the community as possible; 2) develop an action plan. This has been a two-year outreach effort. The RPAC accepted the plan, which provides a vision for the community and a set of policies to guide the future. The

Planning Commission has recommended the plan.

RPAC Presentation

- Ilene Mandelbaum: Reviewed the background of and the need for the plan. The plan was needed to help revitalize the community and future efforts in the community. It provides a roadmap for future planning to help prioritize projects. Planning staff helped facilitate the process.
- Bartshe Miller: Reviewed the process of how they moved forward: developed a vision statement; multiple community workshops; compiled the data in order to craft the plan. The document outlines vision, goals, and an action plan. The RPAC and community found consensus on the plan.

deBethizy: Reviewed the plan.

- The plan contains comprehensive background material.
- Reviewed the Appendices.
- Outreach efforts (flyers, post cards, notices) are included at the end of the plan.

RPAC Member Comments:

- Bartshe Miller: Impressed that the RPAC and community developed the plan.
- Lisa Cutting: It has been a good experience working on the plan, which will provide background so the community is better able to respond to proposals and allow proactive work on plans.
- Chris Lizza: Results of the demographic survey show there was an eclectic group of respondents, so the results are broad based.
- Steve Connett: 90% of survey respondents support preservation of historic uses.

Open Public Hearing: 7:10 p.m.

Public Comment

- Laurie Gehrman: Participation by older community members was beneficial. The plan will assist when applying for grants.
- John Boynton: Document is remarkable, but does not mention state parks department in a section referring to agencies.
 - Lisa Cutting: State parks department is mentioned in the action matrix.
- Drew Foster: Action plan matrix is an exciting part of the document. It gives the RPAC and community a good plan for direction.

Board Comments

- Supervisor Hansen: Work has been moving forward and some actions listed in the plan have already been taken. The document accurately reflects public comment. The community needs to move forward with implementation. Most everyone is happy with the result.
- Supervisor Johnston: Thanked RPAC members and staff for working on this plan.
- Supervisor Hazard: The vision plan process has made a difference in other communities. Lee Vining has now established a vision plan as of today and it provides a starting place for change in the future.
- Supervisor Hunt: Concurred with Hazard's comments; this is a living document.
- Supervisor Bauer: This is a quality document. The plan provides a history of the community's intention. Implementation will take time.

Board members thanked staff and the community for their hard work.

Staff comments

- Scott Burns, Community Development Department: RPACs provide a good staff resource; he acknowledged the exceptional nature of the staff members involved in this

process. Reviewed the action needed by the Board.

Close Public Hearing: 7:27 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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CHAIR

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CLERK OF THE BOARD

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